



AMENDMENT TO "COMPENSATION" SECTION OF THE CHARTERS OF THE  
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH INITIAL REVIEW GROUPS  
AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANELS

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$200 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. Members who are **full** time officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on these committees.

Approved:

4/6/99  
Date

Harold Varmus  
Director, NIH

Attachments:

List of National Institutes of Health Initial **Review** Groups

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## CHARTER

### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANEL

#### **PURPOSE**

The Secretary of Health and Human Services is mandated under Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 241), to make grants-in-aid for research projects relating to health. In addition, Section 487 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 288), authorizes the support of research and research training through National Research Service Awards.

The National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel (Panel) provides concept review of proposed contract or grant solicitations and reviews grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research projects and for research and training activities in broad areas of mental health and mental disorders.

#### **AUTHORITY**

42 U.S. Code 282(b)(6), Section 402(b)(6) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Panel is governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

#### **FUNCTION**

The Panel shall advise the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Director, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), regarding concept review, research grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals, relating to the areas of mental health and mental disorders.

#### **STRUCTURE**

Members and Chairs will be selected on an "as needed" basis in response to specific applications, proposals or proposed solicitations to be reviewed. Approximately 600 reviewers will **be used each year**. Members will be selected from outstanding authorities in the various fields of mental health research.

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Members of the NIH Reviewers Reserve or chartered HHS advisory committees **may** serve on the Panel if their expertise is required.

Management and support services shall be provided by the Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health.

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Panel will be held as necessary approximately 80 times per year as determined by the Designated Federal Official who shall **also** approve the agenda. A Government official shall be present **at** all meetings.

Meetings shall be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the Secretary or other official to whom the authority has been delegated; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public. Meetings shall be conducted and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and departmental regulations.

### **COMPENSATION**

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$150 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. Members who are officers or employees of the United **States** shall not receive compensation for service on the Panel.

### **ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE**

The estimated annual cost for operating the Panel, including compensation and travel expenses for members but excluding staff support, is \$506,710. The estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is 6.2, at an estimated annual cost of \$367,935.

### **REPORTS**

An annual report shall be prepared by December 31 for submission to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Director, NIH, which shall contain, as a minimum, the Panel's function, a list of members and their business addresses, the dates and places of meetings, and a summary of its activities and recommendations made during the preceding year. A report shall **be prepared** annually showing the distribution of reviewers by gender, ethnicity, geographic balance, and frequency with which **reviewers are used**. **Copies** of the reports shall be provided to **the Department** Committee Management Office.

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**ESTABLISHMENT DATE**

September 30, 1994

**TERMINATION DATE**

Continuing

**FORMAL DETERMINATION**

I hereby determine that formation of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel is in the public interest in connection with the duties imposed on the Director, NIH, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

I further deem that it is not feasible for the NIH or any of its committees with appointed membership to perform these duties.

**APPROVED**

SEP 29 1994

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Date



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Director, NIH